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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, record is being made below of documents which the Patent Office may wish to consider in connection with examination of the above-identified patent application. As provided in §1.97(g), no representation is made or intended that a thorough art search was made. As provided in 37 CFR §1.97(h) this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission of any kind and specifically is not an admission that the documents listed on attached form PTO-1449 are, or are considered to be, material to the patentability of the above-identified patent application, as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b).

Copies of the cited documents are attached. It is respectfully requested that the documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in the case.

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